

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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an extracellular antigen-binding domain of a single chain antibody that binds specifically to an antigen, wherein said antigen is a protein on the surface of a cell or a viral protein;

a transmembrane domain; and

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a cytoplasmic domain which transduces a signal resulting in activation of a secondary messenger system in the absence of a T-cell receptor, wherein said cytoplasmic domain is selected from the group consisting of the CD3 zeta chain, the CD3 eta chain, the CD3 gamma chain, the CD3 delta chain, the CD3 epsilon chain, the gamma chain of the F_c receptor and a tyrosine kinase, and when said chimeric protein is expressed as a membrane bound protein in a selected mammalian host cell under conditions suitable for expression, said membrane bound protein initiates signaling in said host cell when said extracellular domain binds to said antigen.

~~Kindly cancel claim 71 without prejudice.~~

REMARKS

I. In item 4 bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the rejection of claims 57, 64, 67, 69 and 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Gross et al. However, the Examiner stated that the rejection might be reinstated.

There will be no need to reinstate the rejection for the following reasons.